



BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND COLLEGE OR CAREER READY

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Parents,

The Bibb County School District is once again partnering with the Middle Georgia Regional Libraries to promote summer reading. When students don't read during the summer months, they lose educational ground. In fact, research shows that students can lose up to three months of reading ability over the summer. To ensure that Bibb County students don't fall behind while school is out of session, we are asking all students to read every day during the summer for a minimum of 20 minutes. Due to our unusual circumstances students may not have the same kind of access to print books that they are accustomed to, however they do have access to many books through a variety of online resources. This makes it easier than ever for all students to find great books.

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Imagine Your Story." During the summer break all Bibb County students will have personalized access to high quality digital books in their myOn accounts through their ClassLink portal. In addition to utilizing digital books online, students are also encouraged to visit the public library to check out books once they re-open.

Students should choose to read books using the guidelines below. There are no required reading lists for most BCSD students. High school students should always check with their teachers for required reading. Any required reading counts towards summer reading goals. If you need reading suggestions, check out the suggested titles link on the [BCSD Summer Reading Reading Challenge](#) web page. Each school has worked with students to make sure each student knows their Lexile level. If you have any questions about Lexile levels, please reach out to your child's Language Arts teacher or contact the school for assistance. Also, new this summer, Accelerated Reader quizzes will be available through student ClassLink accounts all summer. Students are encouraged to take AR tests within a few days of reading a book which has a test is available. We encourage you to make summer reading a fun family activity by reading to and reading with your children when possible!

Summer reading goals based on grade levels are:

- K-1st Grade students: 10 Books (5 on Lexile; 5 student choice regardless of Lexile level)
- 2nd Grade Students: 8 Books (4 on Lexile; 4 student choice regardless of Lexile level)
- 3rd Grade Students: 8 books, at least 2 of them – chapter books and one book report (4 on their Lexile level; 4 student choice regardless of Lexile – at least one of the chapter books has to be on Lexile level)
- 4th and 5th Grade Students: 3 chapter books and one book report (2 on their Lexile level; 1 student choice regardless of Lexile level)
- 6th – 12th Grade Students: 4 books (a variety of nonfiction and fiction (2 on their Lexile level; 2 student choice regardless of Lexile level)

Students can print a reading log from the Summer Reading Challenge page on the Parents section of the BCSD web page. Or students can create a reading log that includes the same information as the BCSD reading log. High school and middle school students should return their completed BCSD Reading Log(s) to their first period teacher and elementary school students should return their completed log(s) to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

Happy Reading!

Cordially,

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